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### AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Claims:

Please amend claims 10, 11, 16 and 28-30 as follows:

*E1 Subj Cont* 10. (Three times amended) A video data recording and reproducing system for editing a source video data, said system comprising:

a digital video tape recording means for digitally recording a source video data onto a tape medium at a first data rate during a source video data recording period and for reproducing recorded video data from said tape medium at said first data rate and at a second data rate which is faster than said first data rate to generate reproduced video data;

a disc recording means for recording said reproduced recorded video data onto a disc medium at said second data rate so that said source video data may be copied from said tape medium to said disc medium during a transfer period which is shorter than said recording period of said source video data;

a digital data transfer circuit for transferring digital video data between said digital video tape recording means and said disc recording means at said first and second data rates, said digital data transfer circuit including buffer control means for controlling recording and reproduction of said disc recording means according to remaining capacity of at least one buffering means for buffering the digital video data;